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EMPLOYMENT

2018 VATT Institute for Economic Research Post-Doc

EDUCATION

2014 - 2018 University of Edinburgh PhD Economics (Expected)
2012 - 2014 Utrecht University MRes Economics
2008 - 2012 University of Warwick BSc (Hons) Economics & Philosophy
2010 - 2011 Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne Exchange

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labour Economics, Gender Economics

RESEARCH PAPERS

Job Tasks and Mismatch within Occupations (2017)

Abstract: I propose a new multi-dimensional measure of mismatch derived from individual-level information on skills and tasks. Previous measures have either entirely excluded information about tasks or have used tasks aggregated at the level of the occupation, rather than at the individual level. I find that across nine EU countries, up to 24% of the population is mismatched in literacy and 15% in numeracy. I also find that for Northern European countries, extreme levels of skill-task mismatch are negatively correlated with wages and the correlation persists within occupations. Southern and Central Europe do not appear to exhibit any correlation between mismatch and wages, either between or within occupations. Subsequently, I compare the new measure to existing measures of mismatch from the literature. I find that measures based on higher levels of data aggregation or measures excluding the role of tasks tend to consistently underestimate the cross-sectional correlation between mismatch and wages.

Task Profiles and Gender Wage Gaps within Occupations (2017)

Abstract: Recent literature for the US, Germany and Australia shows that a significant proportion of the unexplained gender wage-gap can be found within very narrowly defined occupations. I find that this pattern also holds true in European countries. This finding raises the question of why men and women working in very similar jobs are paid substantially different wages. Using a newly available dataset with detailed job-task and occupational information, I investigate whether task segregation by gender within a narrowly defined occupation can account for within-occupational gender wage-gaps. I find that higher levels of task segregation by gender increase the wage-gap within an occupation, in favour of men. I also find that, within occupations, the effect of task segregation on wages is driven by certain tasks that carry a significant wage premium and which are consistently performed by men much more than by women.

- **Media:** *Telegraph; Frankfurter Allgemeine; LSE Business Review; Goodcall; Royal Economic Society*

The Task Content of Occupational Transitions over the Business Cycle: Evidence for the UK with Rachel J. Forshaw (2018)

Abstract: We study the change in task content and the extent of up- and down-skilling of occupational transitions over the business cycle for the UK. Previous literature shows that during recessions individuals are less likely to move occupations - yet it is unclear whether their task portfolio and the skill level of tasks also changes during the cycle. Using quarterly data from the U.K. Labour Force Survey, which we match to the O*NET dictionary of tasks for the period 1997q1 - 2016q2, we view occupations as bundles of tasks of varying skill levels and study the task similarity and the extent of up-/down-skilling of occupational transitions over the business cycle. We find that individuals tend to move to more similar occupations and they are also less likely to downgrade the skill level of their occupation during recessions.

TEACHING

2014 to 2018 Undergraduate Economics 1, Edinburgh Tutor

December 2012 **Undergraduate Econometrics, Utrecht** Project Supervisor
Feb. 2013 to June 2013 **Undergraduate Macro 1, Utrecht** Tutor

PRESENTATIONS

European Economic Association 2018, Cologne; Search and Matching Conference 2018, Cambridge (Poster); VATT seminar 2018; Aix-Marseille University Seminar 2018; Perspectives on (Un-)Employment IAB Workshop 2018, Nuremberg; EALE Annual Conference 2017, St Gallen; Scottish Government 2017, Edinburgh; Irish Economic Association Annual Meeting 2017, Dublin; 10th RGS Doctoral Conference 2017, Dortmund; RES Annual Conference 2017, Bristol; GRAPE Gender Gaps Conference 2016, Warsaw; SGPE Conference 2015, 2016, 2017, Crieff; Graduate Seminar 2013, Utrecht; British Conference for Undergraduate Research 2012, Warwick (Poster)

SUMMER SCHOOLS & WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

Advanced Course in Equilibrium Search Models 2017, Gerzensee; SED Annual Meeting 2017, Edinburgh; Experimental Approaches for Social Research 2016, Newcastle; EDePo 2016, London; MacCaLM 2015, 2016, 2017 Edinburgh; Economics & Gender Workshop 2016, Edinburgh; Field Days Workshop 2015, Edinburgh; Skills Mismatch Workshop 2015, Thessaloniki; Micro Theory Workshop 2014, St Andrews; Nederlandse Economendag 2013, Amsterdam; ISEO Summer School 2013, Iseo

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2014-2018	Referring for <i>Applied Economics Letters</i> ; <i>International Journal of Applied Behavioural Economics</i>
2017	Blog post written for LSE Business Review based on my paper "Task profiles and Gender Wages Gaps"
2017	Outreach to Scottish students considering going to Utrecht University
2017	SED Conference volunteer, University of Edinburgh
2016	Economics & Gender Workshop co-organiser, University of Edinburgh
2015	School of Economics Athena SWAN (student representative), University of Edinburgh

GRANTS & AWARDS

2018	Scottish Economic Society Conference Travel Grant
2017-2018	Research and Teaching Scholarship, University of Edinburgh
2017	Nominated for a Teaching Award, University of Edinburgh
2016	Best student paper, GRAPE Gender Gaps Conference, Warsaw University
2016	School of Economics heat winner of 3MT, University of Edinburgh
2014-2017	Principal's Career Development Scholarship, University of Edinburgh
2014-2017	College Scholarship (declined), University of Edinburgh
2013	Young Leaders League Summer School Fund, Utrecht University
2013	ISEO Summer School Scholarship, Instituto di Studi Economici e per l'Occupazione
2010-2011	Erasmus Scholarship, British Council

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Other work	Research Trainee at the OECD, Directorate for Education and Skills (2011)
Languages	English, French, Greek
Citizenship	UK, Greece
Hometown	Brussels, Belgium